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REMARKS

Examination of the present application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, as these claims were the Group II method claims that were not elected in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed on October 19, 2004.

Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of canceled claim 1 subsequent to a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned in which the Examiner proposed that claims 2 and 3 be amended into independent form. Based on the results of the above referenced telephone conference, Applicants now assert that the application is in condition for allowance.

Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



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